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Von also said that Frank had asked him when the Bureau might have a look at the NSCID's which were being amended. I told him that I would assume the responsibility for this inquiry. I then talked to [REDACTED] who advised me that they were working against a 15 January deadline which they hoped to meet and that it would be very near that date before they would be able to show the Directives to the Bureau. I asked [REDACTED] to pass this information on to Messrs. Macy and Ecker (with whom he was meeting in preparation for their trip to the Far East) and to tell them that we would appreciate it if in the future they would use either the Office of the Comptroller or my office as their point of contact rather than telephone all over the Agency.

2. Later in the day Frank Ecker called me to inquire as to the status of our new building. I told him that the clearing and grubbing work should be finished before the first of the year, that we expected to let a grading contract before 1 January---the work to be completed in about ninety days---, that the final plans and specifications for the building itself should be completed in April, and that we hoped to let a contract for the construction of the building about 1 July 1958.

3. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had seen General Rawlings recently who had asked that someone from the Agency get in touch with him concerning some problems having to do with [REDACTED] I have asked Gates to do this.

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cope with this matter it would be necessary to deal with it as a policy decision of some magnitude and would involve the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Budget, etc.

5. Larry Houston advised me that he and Shef Edwards were very concerned about the transcript of the Director's testimony before the Johnson Committee. At the moment we have the transcript and have agreed to make it available on call. However, if the Committee should decide to retain it in their files we feel very strongly that their security is inadequate. I asked Larry to make arrangements with the Director to talk to the staff or to Senator Johnson to explain the situation.

6. Larry also discussed with me a letter which Senator McClellan has written requesting certain information, including a list of names, concerning those people who have accepted gifts from foreigners or foreign governments. While our Regulation is a good one, it appears to have been very generously interpreted inasmuch as only five gifts of fifty or more have actually been turned over to the Agency for custody. I would be concerned if it became necessary to show this list to the committee and asked Larry to discuss the matter with Gordon Stewart and to have the list available for the Director when he signed the reply to Senator McClellan.

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7. [REDACTED] reported that Mr. Dulles would have a luncheon for Harry Reynolds on Thursday, the 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at which time he would present the Medal. I have supplied a suggested guest list.

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8. Jack also advised me that the Director had seen [REDACTED] and told her quite frankly that he thought she had better mend her ways and try to get along with people. He also questioned whether she was really the type of person we wanted in CIA and wondered if we couldn't find her a job in some other organization. I told Jack that this probably would be impossible.

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9. [REDACTED] came in to see me about his next assignment and to seek my advice as to whether he should take the job which had been offered by [REDACTED] in the Inspection & Review Staff or the one which had been offered by [REDACTED] in Project AQUATONE. I think that I rocked him considerably by telling him that I had understood he had stated that he intended to accept the I&R job and that if such an arrangement were not satisfactory with the Administration Career Board he would change his career designation. I also told him that as a result of hearing this I had practically written him off as far as the Administration Career Service was concerned. He was emphatic that he had not made such a statement and that he wanted to stay in the Administration Career Service. I stated that in this event I had no interest in seeing him assigned to the

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25X1A9a I&R Staff and desired that he accept the job in Project AQUATONE where we had a vacancy to fill. In general, I was not at all well impressed with [REDACTED] and would guess that he considers himself to be rather "smooth" and that he may not be very productive where it is necessary to really roll up your sleeves and get to work; neither do I think that he would be particularly effective in dealing with other Support components.

25X1A9a 10. Interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] of the Atomic Energy Commission about a possible position (grade GS-15) in the Office of the Comptroller. He understands that we would only want his services for about three years and indicated that he would agree in writing at the time he came on board to retire at the end of that period. Apparently he knows a great deal about cost-based budgeting; however, for his 62 years he appears to be a very old man. I think it is clear that we could not rely on him to spark the program and that it would be a question of obtaining his advice and guidance on a senior consultant basis. I, 25X1A9a therefore, told [REDACTED] that I wanted to talk to Ed Saunders about this before we proceeded any further.

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